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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks U. S. Patent and Trademark Office Attn: Security Group, Licensing and Review Crystal Park 1, Room 401 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is to notify you that an affirmative determination has been made, on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, that the national interest requires that the invention continue to be kept secret and that the grant of a patent continue to be withheld.

UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION NO. 07/926,200

7 AUG 1992

INVENTOR: PAUL M. DUNN

TITLE: CLOSED BRAYTON CYCLE DIRECT CONTACT...WITH 02 AFTERBURNER PROSECUTED BY: (X) GOVT () CONTRACTOR () UNKNOWN PARTY

CASE NO. 72,939

Current secrecy order expiration date is 17 FEB 2000.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the order be renewed.

Sincerely,

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By direction of

Chief of Naval Research